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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM PL UNGA UNSC
SUBJ: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH POLES ON UN TOPICS

1. ON MARCH 30, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) HELMAN MET WITH POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, STANISLAW PAWLAK, TO DISCUSS A VARIETY OF UN-RELATED TOPICS, WITH EMPHASIS ON SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). PAWLAK WAS JOINED BY HIS DEPARTMENTAL COLLEAGUES WILSKI AND PRZYGODZKI, WHO, IT WAS INDICATED, WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE AT SSOD'S 5TH PREPARATORY MEETING. POLISH COMMENTS ON MOST ISSUES COVERED WERE FAIRLY STANDARD. THIS MESSAGE WILL REPORT ONLY THOSE ASPECTS WHICH APPEAR TO THROW ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON WHAT POLES MIGHT BE THINKING.

2. SSOD. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS WHAT THE POLES DID NOT SAY. PAWLAK MENTIONED THE NEUTRON BOMB QUESTION IN PASSING AND ONLY AS
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IF BY AFTERTHOUGHT. DESPITE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO, PAWLAK FAILED TO MENTION, MUCH LESS PUSH, THE IDEA OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

3. ON NEW DISARMAMENT MACHINERY, PAWLAK STUCK TO THE STANDARD DEFENSE OF THE CCD, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO UNDERScoreD THE NEED TO FIND SOME WAY OF ENGAGING FRANCE AND CHINA IN THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS.

WHEN HELMAN POINTED OUT THAT FRANCE AND CHINA ARE UNLIKELY TO JOIN THE CCD AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, PAWLAK ARGUED THAT THEIR SEATS WERE VACANT, WAITING FOR THEM. PAWLAK SAID THAT THE FRENCH WERE RECENTLY IN WARSAW TO DISCUSS THE SSOD AMONG OTHER ISSUES, AND THE POLES TOOK A STRICT LINE WITH THE FRENCH ON THE QUESTION OF NEW DISARMAMENT MACHINERY.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN A MORE INFORMAL SETTING, PAWLAK AND PRZYGODZKI AGREED WITH HELMAN THAT THE QUESTION OF MACHINERY WILL BE ONE OF THE TOUGHER ISSUES AT THE SSOD AND SOME MEANS MIGHT HAVE TO BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE THE STRONG DESIRE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SOME GREATER SAY IN THE ARMS CONTROL DECISION MAKING PROCESS. PAWLAK AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY WITH THE PROPOSITION THAT THE UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE SHOULD DISCARD ALL NON-DISARMAMENT ITEMS. THEY ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT THE STATUS OF THE CCD, AND PARTICULARLY THE INSTITUTION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, WOULD BE UNDER SERIOUS ATTACK AND THAT SOME MODIFICATIONS MIGHT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A PRACTICAL MATTER. PAWLAK SAID THAT ANY ACCOMMODATION WOULD LIKELY COME ABOUT AT THE SSOD, AND NOT AT THE FIFTH PREPCOM. AMONG THE ELEMENTS OF THE CCD THE POLES IDENTIFIED AS IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE ARE THOSE OF CONSENSUS DECISION-MAKING AND AUTONOMOUS RULE-MAKING POWER. THEY WOULD BALK AT ANY FORMAL COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GA AND ANY EXPERT DISARMAMENT BODY. TO THE INSITUION OF CO-CHAIRMEN, AS FAR AS THE POLES WERE CONCERNED, THIS WAS A US-USSR PROBLEM.

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5. UN REFORM PROPOSAL. HELMAN OUTLINED BACKGROUND AND HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON UN REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY DEFINITIVE COMMENTS ON THE REPORT'S CONTENTS BUT WOULD LIKE TO IDENTIFY THE REPORT AS A TOPIC FOR FUTURE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND POLAND. IN DESCRIBING THE REPORT, HELMAN HIGHLIGHTED IN PARTICULAR THE SEGMENTS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND PEACEKEEPING, RELATING THEM TO THE WORK OF THE SSOD. PAWLAK OFFERED INITIAL REACTIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO PROCEED IN THIS AREA ON THE BASIS OF AGREED PRINCIPLES -- SUCH AS THE ONE ON NON-USE OF FORCE WHICH THE SOVIETS SOUGHT TO ENSHRINE IN THE FORM OF A TREATY. HELMAN RESPONDED THAT THE REPORT'S APPROACH WAS PRECISELY TO DEAL WITH THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF UN REFORM SO THAT THE PRINCIPLES WHICH ALREADY EXIST IN THE CHARTER CAN BE BETTER IMPLEMENTED. TURNING TO THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN THE REPORT, PAWLAK COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE NEED FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO GET TOGETHER TO ORGANIZE ITS WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY.

6. ON THE QUESTION OF PEACEKEEPING, PAWLAK INDICATED STRONG RELUCTANCE ON POLAND'S PART TO BECOME INVOLVED AGAIN IN UN OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REJECT SUCH INVOLVEMENT AS A

MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. HE DENIED THAT POLAND'S RESOURCES WERE STRETCHED TOO THIN FOR SUCH INVOLVEMENT, BUT PROFESSED A WILLINGNESS FOR POLAND TO BECOME ENGAGED ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THOSE ISSUES IN WHICH POLAND'S NATIONAL INTERESTS, AS WELL AS LARGER GLOBAL INTERESTS, ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE SAW LITTLE ON THE HORIZON TO SUGGEST THAT THOSE INTERESTS WOULD BE JOINED. PAWLAK ADDED THAT POLAND IS PRESENTLY CONSULTING WITH ITS FRIENDS ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNIFIL OPERATION.
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